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Here that the afo<sup>d</sup> Alice Hopkins be fined to his Lordship thirty shillings for the fact afo<sup>d</sup> and that she be taken & wherupon it is ordered by the Court that the afo<sup>d</sup> Alice Hopkins give Security for the same due to the several Officers upon the present afo<sup>d</sup> & a<sup>e</sup> Whereupon afo<sup>d</sup> Captain James Dashiel present herein Court undertaken for the said Alice Hopkins to pay the several Officers their fees &c —

His Lordship — We do also present Richard Nichols of the Parish of Steppeney for Begetting of a Bastard Child on the body of Alice Hopkins — Alice Hopkins Informer — Wm. Solly Informer  
Richard Nichols — Thereupon command is given to the Sheriff of Somerset County that he should take the said Richard Nichols if he to answer &c. And afterwards in the same Court came the said Richard Nichols in his proper person and being by the said Sheriff to the bar in Court instantly demanded how he would acquit him self of the premises afo<sup>d</sup> says that he is guilty of the premises above imposed upon him and is willing to pay his fine for the fact afo<sup>d</sup> Wherefore it is considered by the Court here that the afo<sup>d</sup> Richard Nichols be fined to his said Lordship for the fact afo<sup>d</sup> toward the defrauding of the County Large Thirty Shillings, and that he be taken & ordered by the Court that he give Security for the fine afo<sup>d</sup> and the several Officers fees due by Occasion of the premises afo<sup>d</sup>. Whereupon afo<sup>d</sup> Captain James Dashiel present herein Court undertaken for the said Richard Nichols to pay the fine afo<sup>d</sup> and the several Officers their fees due by means of the premises afo<sup>d</sup> &c —

Whereupon it is ordered by the Court here that the afo<sup>d</sup> Richard Nichols Give Recognizance with two Security to have and keep Undemarified Somerset County from all trouble, butchers Charge and Innuembre, that might aris<sup>e</sup> by reason of the birth maintenance and Education of a Bastard Child begotten of the body of afo<sup>d</sup> Alice Hopkins &c —

Wherefore therefor said Richard Nichols with James Dashiel and Robert Collier <sup>his Sonnes</sup> all of Somerset County present here in Court in their proper persons acknowledged themselves to owe and stand Justly indebted unto his Lordship the said Proprietary the sum of fifty pounds Sterling to be levied off his goods and Chattels Lands and Tenements for the use of Somerset County in case default be made in the condition hereunder written —

The condition of the above Recognizance is such that if the above bounden Richard Nickols do and shall well and truly forever hereafter have and keep Undemarified the County of Somerset from all butchers trouble Charge and Innuembre whatsoever that might happen or aris<sup>e</sup> by means of the birth nourish<sup>t</sup> maintenance and Education of a Bastard Child lately begott by the said Richard Nichols of afo<sup>d</sup> Alice Hopkins then the above Recognizance to be void and of none Effect otherwise &c

His Lordship — We do Present Phoenix Hall of the Parish of Steppeney for Begetting a Child on the Body of Margaret Newark sometime in the mouth of April 1728 — Margaret Newark Informer — Wm. Solly Informer — Phoenix Hall — Thereupon command is given to the Sheriff of Somerset Co<sup>t</sup> that he should take w<sup>t</sup> said Phoenix Hall if he to answer &c. And afterwards in the same Court came w<sup>t</sup> said Phoenix Hall in his proper Person being by w<sup>t</sup> Sheriff. Sett to w<sup>t</sup> Barr is thereupon instantly demanded how he would acquit himself off of premises afo<sup>d</sup> says that he is guilty of the premises above imposed upon him & is willing to pay his fine for of fact afo<sup>d</sup> Wherefore it is considered by w<sup>t</sup> Court here w<sup>t</sup> said Phoenix Hall be tried to his said Lordship for of fact afo<sup>d</sup> toward w<sup>t</sup> Defrauding of w<sup>t</sup> Court Large Thirty Shillings but he be taken &c. Ordered by w<sup>t</sup> Court that he Give Security for the fine afo<sup>d</sup> and the several Officers fees due by Occasion of w<sup>t</sup> Premises afo<sup>d</sup>.

(Whereupon)